

**PERTH AMBOY, NJ
NL/DUTCH BOY PAINTS SITE
SUPERFUND REMOVAL INITIATION**

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U.S. EPA Region II has issued an administrative consent order to NL Industries to conduct a removal action at the NL/Dutch Boy Paints site in Perth Amboy, NJ. Under the order, NL will bulk and dispose of approximately 200 drums, bags and various other containers of flammable, oxidizing, acidic or caustic materials abandoned throughout four, multi-story unoccupied buildings. Friable asbestos around several boilers and portions of piping will be removed or encapsulated. Also, approximately a dozen PCB transformers, which used to provide power for the industrial complex, will be removed and cleaned. In addition, battery grid metal and casing particles will be removed from soils bordering Cranes Creek and adjoining wetlands.

Region II's Superfund began a response at the site in May 1992, when a thorough inventory of on-site chemicals was initiated, and subsequent sampling was conducted to determine hazard categorization. Results of these activities, coupled with information from a 1981 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection site survey and a 1990 US EPA Field Investigation Team report, revealed the presence of the above-mentioned hazardous chemicals.

In February 1993, EPA initiated a removal action, and the agency's ERCS contractor has been conducting a clean-up of

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materials present at the site which are not included in the consent order. This work includes the cleanup of two baghouse structures contaminated with lead, arsenic and other heavy metals, and the excavation of underlying soils. In addition, ERCS investigated and drummed several unknown materials found in two former production buildings at the site.

The site was formerly occupied by the National Lead Company, subsequently known as NL Industries. While owned by NL, the site was utilized for secondary lead smelting, and the production of such materials as lead shot, white lead, solder and lead oxide. In addition, paint manufacturing operations, including the Dutch Boy product line, were conducted at the site from the 1940's until the late 1970's. NL ceased operations at the site in 1977, and the property was sold in 1979 to an industrial park developer.

Since the sale of the property by NL, large quantities of PCB contaminated waste oils, and over 100 drums of various flammable or corrosive unidentified hazardous substances have subsequently accumulated at the site. That material is being addressed under a separate and distinct removal action.

For further information concerning this removal action, please contact Mr. Steven R. Touw, On-Scene Coordinator, in the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, at (908) 906-6900.

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